

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action mailed 6/28/2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1-40 are currently pending; of which claims 1-11 and 30-40 stand rejected, and claims 12-29 are indicated as allowable. Upon entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-11 and 30-40 are cancelled without prejudice and without acquiescing to the basis of the rejections. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the the cancelled claims at a later point in time.

As original claims 12-29 are allowable, Applicant believes that the rejections have been overcome by way of this amendment, and the application is thus in condition for allowance. A favorable response and notification to that effect are respectfully solicited.

Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (651) 686-6633 x101.

Respectfully submitted,

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